

MINUTES
SANDY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Sandy City Hall - Council Chamber Room #211
10000 Centennial Parkway
Sandy, Utah 84070

January 15, 2008

Meeting was commenced at **7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Council Members: Chairman Chris McCandless, Vice Chairman Scott Cowdell, Bryant Anderson, Steve Fairbanks, Linda Martinez Saville, Stephen Smith, and Dennis Tenney

Mayor: Tom Dolan

Others in Attendance: CAO Byron Jorgenson; Assistant CAO Scott Bond; City Attorney Walter Miller; Community Development Director Mike Coulam; Public Utilities Director Shane Pace; Public Works Director Rick Smith; Police Chief Stephen Chapman; Former Councilmember Mike Edmonds; Representative Sandy Journal Steve Standaford; Council Office Director Phil Glenn; Council Office Manager Pam Lehman

1. OPENING REMARKS/PRAYER/PLEDGE:

The Prayer was offered by **Boy Scout Zane Halverson of Troop #919**, and the Pledge was led by **Alex Mobey**, also of Troop #919.

2. CITIZEN(S) COMMENTS:

a. There were no citizen comments.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

3. Surplus of City Property

Public Hearing, in accordance with Sandy City Ordinance 11-1-24, notice is hereby given for the purpose of declaring a parcel of City property surplus, which is .21 acres in size, located at approximately 965 East 7927 South, Sandy, Utah. The City will, at a later date, request proposals from qualified individuals or developers to purchase the above declared property. The public is invited to comment on the proposed declaration to surplus, in writing or orally, prior to or at the City Council Meeting. Comments before the meeting should be directed to Scott Ellis, Public Utilities Department, 10000 South Centennial Parkway, Sandy Utah, or by telephone to Mr. Ellis at 568-7193.

Discussion: Public Utilities Director Shane Pace reported that the Public Utilities Department is ready to sell a parcel of residential surplus property that was purchased by their department approximately 4-5 month ago.

State Code requires that a hearing be held to receive feedback from the public on the proposed disposition of the property. The subject property is located at the end of a cul-de-sac, and was flooded numerous times over the years. Water would travel from the neighborhoods to the east, down old dairy road, and the southern portion of 1000 East, and enter into the basement of the home. The property owner was in the process of selling the home when the most recent flood occurred, which canceled the sale of the home. The City offered to purchase the home at that time, until improvements to the storm drain project were completed.

The completion of the new storm drain system should prevent future flooding at this home. The test conducted on the storm drain system proved to be a success.

Mr. Pace reported that as an extra precaution, a new retaining wall will be installed around the basement walkout prior to the sale of the home.

The Public Utilities Department believes that it is in the best interest of the city at this time to sell the property.

Chairman McCandless opened the Public Hearing. As there were no comments, the hearing was closed.

Steve Fairbanks asked if the basement entrance would be impacted by the retaining wall.

Shane Pace stated that the retaining wall would not impact the basement entrance.

Bryant Anderson asked if a retaining wall would have prevented flooding to the home.

Shane Pace stated that a retaining wall could have prevented some of the flooding that occurred. The retaining wall will in the future help prevent water from entering into the basement.

Scott Cowdell asked what the City paid to purchase the home.

Shane Pace reported that the city paid \$330,000 for the home, and that the home would be sold for the same price.

Motion: **Dennis Tenney** made the motion supporting the sale of the surplus property as recommended by the Public Utilities Department.

Second: **Bryant Anderson**

Vote: **Tenney- Yes, Anderson – Yes, Smith – Yes, Fairbanks- Yes, Cowdell- Yes, Saville- Yes, McCandless- Yes**

Motion Approved: All in Favor

COUNCIL ITEMS(S):

4. Discussion: Utah Transit Authority / Extension of Trax Rail Service 100th South – Draper Border

Discussion: **G.J. LaBonti, Project Manager for the Utah Transit Authority [UTA]**, presented an update on the status of the Alternative Analysis on the Draper Transit Corridor. The corridor would extend from 100th South to 146th South. UTA evaluated various alternatives and determined that the continuation of the light rail line through Historic Draper would be preferred. He explained that the Wasatch Front Regional Council has placed on their long range plan the Draper extension to the Point of the Mountain. Draper City adopted an updated Transportation Plan in December, 2007, which includes the extension of the corridor. Mr. LaBonti reported that UTA entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Federal Transit Administration for a 20% match of federal funds to build five lines concurrently. These include: the Mid-Jordan Line, West Valley Line, Airport Line, Draper Line, and the Commuter Rail Line. Environmental studies will be conducted on all of the proposed lines. He explained that preliminary park and ride locations have tentatively been identified for 106th south, 118th South, 123rd South, 5th East Highland Drive, and 146th South. UTA will examine any impacts associated with the park and ride locations.

Steve Smith questioned whether there was a need for the TRAX extension and Commuter Rail. He asked if the decision to do so was based on an increase in the number of north/south riders, and if the majority of ridership for the commuter rail would be coming from Utah County. He also asked if there will be enough ridership to support the TRAX and commuter rail systems.

G.J. LaBonti reported that commuter rail would service a different market than light rail. A majority of users for commuter rail would come from Utah County. He believes there will be a fair split between the ridership of Commuter Rail and TRAX.

Steve Smith noted that based on the projected population growth that is occurring in the south west portion of the valley, the extension of the South Jordan and Herriman lines would make more economic sense than the extension of the Draper line.

G.J. LaBonti reported that the extension of the South Jordan/ Herriman line is in progress. It is scheduled to be completed at the same time as the Draper line. UTA is negotiating with Herriman officials to extend service to their City.

Steve Smith wanted to be assured that UTA was considering all alternatives to make certain that tax dollars are being spent wisely since Sandy is one of the communities that will be paying the ¼ cent sales tax.

G.J. LaBonti reported that Federal Funding would be allotted for the South Jordan and Draper lines. The ¼ cent sales tax would pay for capital costs associated with the funding for commuter rail, airport, and West Valley lines.

Steve Fairbanks stated that he was interested to know how light rail usage and route times from Sandy to Salt Lake would be affected once the Draper extension is operational.

G.J. LaBonti reported that 10-15 percent of the vehicles that park at Sandy's Light Rail Station are from Draper. UTA anticipates an additional 5% ridership based on convenience. This will also reduce the number of vehicles traveling the arterial streets in Sandy along with the availability of parking at the 110th South Park and Ride lot. He reported that it would be approximately 13 minutes travel time from the Point of the Mountain station to the 100th South station.

Steve Fairbanks asked if there are plans to increase bus service in the City.

G.J. LaBonti indicated that UTA would increase bus service to match the frequency of train arrivals at the stations. Some of the routes took a hit last August. With the recent redesign that UTA undertook for the various bus routes, he explained that the redesign in bus routes was based on the level of ride usage for each of the routes. He reported that UTA is trying to balance out service to all areas. Changes are reviewed for bus schedules every three months.

Linda Saville asked where the Draper Light Rail Station would be located.

G.J. LaBonti reported that tentative plans are to locate the station near 118th South on the west side of the tracks and north of the I.F.A. facility. The study will help determine what parcels of land need to be purchased and the design of the "park and rides".

Bryant Anderson asked why the Federal Funding had dropped to 8%.

G.J. LaBonti stated that Senator Bob Bennett originally helped to procure an 80% match of federal funding for the commuter rail and the TRAX extensions. Funding for the Federal

Transportation Administration has since dropped to a 50-50% match. In a broader joint funding plan, the Federal Government has been asked to supply 20% of the total costs for all five lines.

Dennis Tenney asked when the line to the Airport would be built.

G. J. LaBonti reported that the scheduled date for completion of the Airport line is 2015.

Dennis Tenney asked if the recent ridership counts would have an impact on fees.

G.J. LaBonti reported that UTA has gone to automated passenger counts and are still above the projected number of ridership. He explained that fares are based on operational costs, not ridership numbers.

Phil Glenn asked if UTA would build a station at 106th South.

G.J. LaBonti stated UTA owns land on the west side of the line, north of 106th south. They would need to purchase land for the 114th South and other station locations, but have not come to any final conclusions on the locations.

Chris McCandless asked if the Trax and Commuter rail lines would connect at the Point of the Mountain?

G.J. LaBonti reported that the only place that is proposed for both lines to meet would be near 5300 South, and at The Intermodal Hub located in Salt Lake.

Chris McCandless asked if UTA would be making allocations in their E.I.S. plan to improve security at the UTA Park and Ride lots. Sandy has struggled with our police force providing additional security to supplement UTA's force. He asked if UTA had plans to expand their police force in order to provide the service needed for the citizenry.

G.J. LaBonti stated that UTA is working to improve their security force by hiring additional officers. UTA has installed CCTVS in some of the parking lots. They have also started a program to help the public become better aware of safety issues while utilizing the TRAX system.

Chris McCandless expressed concern with the free fair zones in Salt Lake City and Sandy residents subsidizing them. He believes that it places an unfair burden on all of the cities. He would like to see equalization in the amount that everyone pays.

Steve Fairbanks asked if UTA Officers were the only personnel who responded to crimes at the park and ride lots.

Chief Chapman reported that Sandy City works in conjunction with UTA's Police Force in responding to crime at the park and ride lots. He reported that there was a reduction in crimes last year at the park and ride lots.

5. **Residential Parking Space, Minimum Garage Size**

Ordinance #08-04 – amending Title 15 of the revised Ordinances of Sandy City (the Land Development Code) by amending Section 15-06-05(B)(2), "Residential Parking Space", and to create a minimum standard for residential parking space requirements, specifically garage size.

Motion: **Dennis Tenney** made the motion to adopt **Ordinance #08-04**, amending Title 15 of the revised Ordinances of Sandy City (the Land Development Code) by amending Section 15-06-05(B)(2), "Residential Parking Space", and to create a minimum standard for residential parking space requirements, specifically garage size.

Second: **Linda Saville**

Vote: **Tenney- Yes, Saville- Yes, Smith – Yes, Anderson- Yes, Fairbanks- Yes, Cowdell- Yes, McCandless- Yes**

Motion Approved: All in Favor

6. **Offense of Criminal Trespass**

Ordinance #08-03- amending Section 7-6-6 of the revised ordinances of Sandy City relating to the Offense of Criminal Trespass; defining elements of criminal trespass.

Motion: **Bryant Anderson** made the motion to adopt **Ordinance #08-03**, amending Section 7-6-6 of the revised ordinances of Sandy City relating to the Offense of Criminal Trespass; defining elements of criminal trespass.

Second: **Dennis Tenney**

Vote: **Anderson – Yes, Tenney- Yes, Smith – Yes, Cowdell- Yes, Fairbanks- Yes, Saville- Yes, McCandless- Yes**

Motion Approved: All in Favor

7. **Sandy City Traffic Code: Defining the term "Person"**

Ordinance #08-02 – amending article * of the Sandy City Traffic Code by adopting a new Section 141A thereof defining the term "Person".

Motion: **Bryant Anderson** made the motion to adopt **Ordinance #08-02**, amending article of the Sandy City Traffic Code by adopting a new Section 141A thereof defining the term "Person".

Second: **Dennis Tenney**

Vote: **Anderson - Yes, Tenney- Yes, Cowdell – Yes, Smith – Yes, Saville- Yes, Fairbanks- Yes, McCandless – Yes**

Motion Approved: All in Favor

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8. **Approving the November 27, 2007 City Council Meeting Minutes.**

Motion: **Steve Fairbanks** made the motion to approve the **November 27, 2007** City Council Meeting Minutes as written.

Second: **Dennis Tenney**

Vote: **The Council voted in the affirmative to the motion.**

All in Favor.

9. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

a. **Mayor Dolan** reported on several meetings that were held regarding studies on the design for the proposed uses at the ReAL Soccer Stadium.

b. **Mayor Dolan** reported that Sandy and Draper would be requesting funding from the Legislature to purchase 10 acres of property next to Hidden Valley Park, and to complete the Bonneville Shoreline Trail.

c. **Mayor Dolan** stated that he would address property purchases, as recommended by

Councilman Cowdell, with each individual Council member.

10. **CAO'S REPORT**

- a. **Byron Jorgenson** reported that the Salt Lake County Sheriff is looking to establish their own 911 call center, and withdrawing from the Valley Emergency Communications System. This could slow down response times and the ability to help their residents.

Mayor Dolan stated that this would be a step backwards making communication even more difficult for unincorporated areas of the County.

- b. **Byron Jorgenson** reported that a proposal has come into the City to locate a major retailer at Quarry Bend . One of the proposed locations would be where the substation is located.
- c. **Byron Jorgenson** invited the Council to the Administration's Training Retreat, scheduled for Thursday March 6th , and Friday, March 7th . The location will be announced at a later date.

11. **COUNCIL OFFICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- a. **Phil Glenn** presented a copy of the monthly calendar reminding the Council of the Chamber Jubilee, scheduled for January 25th, at the Hidden Valley Country Club.
- b. **Mr. Glenn** asked the Council if any were interested in attending the March National League of Cities Conference in Washington D.C. Dennis Tenney stated that he was planning on attending the conference. Bryant Anderson was undecided, and the rest of the Council stated they would not be attending this year.
- c. **Mr. Glenn** reminded Councilman Scott Chris and Bryant Anderson of the upcoming trip to Chicago, scheduled for January 31st – February 2nd , to visit various arts facilities in Chicago.
- d. **Mr. Glenn** reminded Bryant Anderson ,Chris McCandless, Steve Smith, and Steve Fairbanks of Local Officials Day, Wednesday, January 23rd.
- e. **Phil Glenn** reported that Staff received several complaints from residents who believe that the Police Department has been inconsistent in enforcing the Parking Ordinance; particularly parking on residential city streets. Police Officers along with Code Enforcement officers are having some difficulty in interpreting the ordinance. Mr. Glenn reported that an individual who is making some improvements to his home has been told that the contractor needs to park his vehicle some place other than in front of the home where the work is being done. Mr. Glenn suggests having a discussion with the various departments to discuss if and when exceptions are appropriate. If this problem is occurring, it seems that there could be a need for a more consistent interpretation of the policy.

Chairman McCandless requested that a discussion on the Parking Ordinance be held during a future Planning Meeting.

12. **OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- a. **Scott Cowdell** informed the Council that the Sandy Suburban District recently elected new board members who could have an impact not only on Sandy, but on some of the major projects under development in the City. He reported that two thirds of the board members live outside of Sandy and may not have an interest in providing the same

quality of service as in the past.

- b. **Scott Cowdell** requested a discussion to address and redefine the Parking Management Plan for Historic Sandy. Due to the smaller lot sizes, residents have no place to park their vehicles other than on the street.
- c. **Dennis Tenney** asked the Administration for suggestions to convince Salt Lake County to not withdraw from VECC.

Byron Jorgenson suggested sending a letter, on behalf of the Council, for the Mayor to present at the next Council of Governments meeting.

Steve Smith felt that a move such as this could prove to be a colossal mistake on the County's part. As more annexations take place in unincorporated areas of the County, revenues supporting the Sheriff's department will shrink.

Bryant Anderson echoed Mr. Smith's comments.

- d. **Chris McCandless** expressed concern regarding a few residents who would like to see UTOPIA come to Sandy; especially since the company continues to lose money on a product that is sold below cost.
- e. **Chris McCandless** reported on the recent trip he took to our Sister City Piedras Negras to deliver a Jaws of Life apparatus along with various other supplies to their residents.
- f. **Chris McCandless** requested that a letter be prepared on behalf of the Council expressing opposition to the Salt Lake County Sheriff's withdrawal from VECC.

At approximately 8:30 p.m., Steve Fairbanks made a motion to adjourn Council Meeting, motion seconded by Steve Smith.

The content of the minutes is not intended, nor are they submitted, as a verbatim transcription of the meeting. These minutes are a brief overview of what occurred at the meeting.

Chris McCandless
Council Chairman

Pam Lehman
Council Office Manager